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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH PREMIER CONCERNING NUCLEAR QUESTIONS

1. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION WITH PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT PRIVATE LUNCHEON, I REFERRED TO THE DISCUSSIONS I HAD HAD IN WASHINGTON IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER CONCERNING NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION AND NUCLEAR PROGRAMS IN ROC.

2. I SAID THAT PREMIER'S SEPTEMBER 16 CABINET STATEMENT AND, PARTICULARLY, MOFA'S SEPTEMBER 17 NOTE FORESWEARING ANY ACTIVITIES RELATED TO REPROCESSING PURPOSES WERE WARMLY WELCOMED IN WASHINGTON. I EXPLAINED TO PREMIER THAT NEVERTHELESS CONCERN ABOUT NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION AMONG US PUBLIC, CONGRESS AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH IS ACUTE TODAY. IN SPITE OF GROC ASSURANCES A NUMBER OF PERSONS FAMILIAR WITH PAST EVENTS RECALL THAT ASSURANCES WERE ALSO GIVEN SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND THEY REMAIN, TO SPEAK QUITE FRANKLY, QUITE SUSPICIOUS OF GROC INTENTIONS. THEY RECALL THAT ACTIVITIES IN REPROCESSING FIELD DID NOT COME TO AN END ALTHOUGH THEY RECOGNIZE THIS PERHAPS PARTLY BECAUSE OF EXCESSIVE ENTHUSIASM SOME ROC SCIENTISTS.

3. I TOLD PREMIER THAT IF THERE SHOULD BE ANY CONTINUING ACTIVITY FOR REPROCESSING PURPOSES THE PROSPECTS FOR US-ROC COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR FIELD WOULD BE GRAVELY ENDANGERED. I SAID I WELL UNDERSTOOD SINGULAR IMPORTANCE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY TO ROC BUT THAT THIS MIGHT WELL CARRY LITTLE WEIGHT SHOULD IT DEVELOP THAT ACTIVITIES CONTRARY TO THE SEPTEMBER 17 COMMITMENT WERE CONTINUING.

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4. PREMIER CHIANG AFFIRMED THAT POSITION STATED IN SEPTEMBER 17

MEMORANDUM IS GROC FIRM POLICY. HE THEN INFORMED ME THAT HE HAS RECENTLY GIVEN ORDERS THAT THE REPROCESSING LABORATORY WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER PREPARATION FOR SOME TIME WILL BE CLOSED DOWN. (PREMIER'S COMMENTS SEEMED TO IMPLY DISBANDING AND DISMANTLING.) WITH REFERENCE TO FREE-WHEELING SCIENTISTS, HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT HE HAD HAD SOME INDICATIONS THIS MIGHT BE TAKING PLACE AGAIN AND HE HAD GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS ANY SUCH ACTIVITY SHOULD BE TERMINATED.

5. I REFERRED TO THE PROSPECTIVE VISIT OF THE U.S. NUCLEAR TEAM AND SAID THAT I EXPECTED TO HAVE MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THIS IN DUE COURSE. I MENTIONED THAT SUCH A TEAM WOULD EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO TRAVEL ANYWHERE AND VISIT ANY FACILITY RELATED TO NUCLEAR PROJECTS OR ANYWHERE ELSE THEY WISHED TO VISIT. CCK ACKNOWLEDGED THIS AND CONFIRMED THAT GROC CONTINUES TO LOOK FORWARD TO THE VISIT. AFTER MENTIONING ONCE MORE GRAVITY OF CONCERN IN US GOVERNMENT ABOUT NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION I MOVED CONVERSATION TO OTHER SUBJECTS.
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